De La Salle Past Pupils Union

Celebrity Concert

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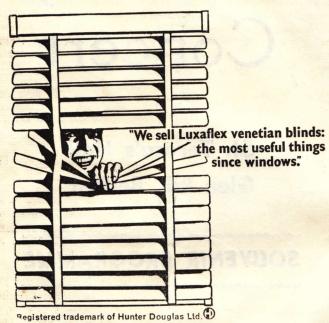
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ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, a nobleman of France, Doctor of Theology of the University of Paris and Canon of the Metropolitan Church of Rheims, founded the De La Salle Brothers in 1680 to educate the children of the poor. He founded the first Teachers Training College for laymen in 1685, and the first Boarding School for the sons of Irish soldiers who had to flee to France and exile after the Battle of the Boyne. He insisted that children be taught their own language first instead of Latin. He replaced the system of Individual teaching by the present simultaneous method. Professional, Technical and Vocational Schools owe their origin to him. He organised instruction for adult workers and apprentices. Probably his greatest achievement was the founding of a Religious Congregation which to-day is spread to 77 Countries, and comprises 75 Nationalities.

The Official Title of the Congregation is Brothers of the Christian Schools, and in the United States they are called simply Christian Brothers. Here in Ireland they are known as De La Salle Brothers as a distinguishing mark.

By a Brief of Pope Pius XII in 1950 St. John Baptist De La Salle was declared Patron of all Teachers.

To-day the Institute runs Primary Schools, Grammar Schools, High Schools, Colleges, Universities, Military Academies, Naval Schools, Art Schools, Training Colleges, Agricultural Schools, Technical Schools and other Institutions for the Deaf, the Blind, the Homeless, the Mutilated and for Wayward Boys.

There are presently close on a million pupils in the De La Salle Schools. To counteract the work of the young Communist Leagues, the Brothers organised a Past Pupils Union in each District of the Institute and there are some 60 of these. Then in 1958, a World Federation of Past Pupils was formed and its first meeting was held in Rome. Other meetings took place in Spain, Mexico and other centres. This year the World Federation meets in Canada. There are almost half a million active members.

The Belfast Branch was formed lately, to promote the charitable and educational work of the Brothers and to further the spiritual, moral, intellectual, social and material welfare of its members. This Concert is the first effort of the Branch in 1967, and on the 18th June they plan to run a Monster Car Rally to the Glens of Antrim. The first Dinner Dance takes place in the Woodbourne Hotel in November.

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